

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

## Northern District of California

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

v.

Merl Simpson

) **AMENDED JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE**

) USDC Case Number: CR-16-00292-002 YGR  
 ) BOP Case Number: DCAN416CR00292-002  
 ) USM Number: 23600-111  
 ) Defendant's Attorney: David Lee Anderson

**Date of Original Judgment: 4/27/2017**

(or Date of Last Amended Judgment)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Correction of Sentence on Remand (18 U.S.C. 3742(f)(1) and (2))          | <input type="checkbox"/> Modification of Supervision Conditions (18 U.S.C. §§ 3563(c) or 3583(e))                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduction of Sentence for Changed Circumstances (Fed. R. Crim. P. 35(b)) | <input type="checkbox"/> Modification of Imposed Term of Imprisonment for Extraordinary and Compelling Reasons (18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Correction of Sentence by Sentencing Court (Fed. R. Crim. P. 35(a))      | <input type="checkbox"/> Modification of Imposed Term of Imprisonment for Retroactive   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Correction of Sentence for Clerical Mistake (Fed. R. Crim. P. 36)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Motion to District Court Pursuant   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other:   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modification of Restitution Order (18 U.S.C. § 3664)  |

**THE DEFENDANT:**

- pleaded guilty to count(s): One, Two, Four, Six, Eight, Nine, and Ten of the Indictment  
 pleaded nolo contendere to count(s): which was accepted by the court.  
 was found guilty on count(s): after a plea of not guilty.

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

Title & Section	Nature of Offense	Offense Ended	Count
18 U.S.C. § 1951(a)	Conspiracy to Commit Robbery Affecting Interstate Commerce	April 21, 2016	1,2,4,6,8
18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(iii)	Discharging a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence	April 7, 2016	9
18 U.S.C. §922(g)(1)	Felon in Possession of a Firearm	April 21, 2016	10

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 9 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

- The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s):  
 Count(s) Three, Five, and Seven are dismissed on the motion of the United States.

It is ordered that the defendant must notify the United States attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

4/27/2017

Date of Imposition of Judgment

Signature of Judge

The Honorable Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers

United States District Judge

Name & Title of Judge

October 11, 2018

Date

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**IMPRISONMENT**

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of: 240 months. This term consists of terms of 120 months for each of Counts One, Two, Four, Six, Eight, and Ten, all counts to be served concurrently; and 120 months Count Nine, to be served consecutive to all other counts.

The appearance bond is hereby exonerated, or upon surrender of the defendant as noted below. Any cash bail plus interest shall be returned to the owner(s) listed on the Affidavit of Owner of Cash Security form on file in the Clerk's Office.

- The Court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:  
The Court recommends that the defendant participate in the Bureau of Prisons Residential Drug Abuse Treatment Program (RDAP). The defendant shall be designated to the Bureau of Prisons' facility at Atwater, California, or an institution near Northern California to facilitate visitation with his family.
- The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.
- The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district:
  - at on (no later than 2:00 pm).
  - as notified by the United States Marshal.
- The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:
  - at on (no later than 2:00 pm).
  - as notified by the United States Marshal.
  - as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.

**RETURN**

I have executed this judgment as follows:

Defendant delivered on \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, with a certified copy of this judgment.

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UNITED STATES MARSHAL

By \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL

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**SUPERVISED RELEASE**

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be on supervised release for a term of: Five years. This term consists of terms of three years on each of Counts One, Two, Four, Six, Eight, and Ten, and five years on Count Nine, all such terms to run concurrently.

**MANDATORY CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION**

- 1) You must not commit another federal, state or local crime.
- 2) You must not unlawfully possess a controlled substance.
- 3) You must refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. You must submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court.  
 The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that you pose a low risk of future substance abuse. (*check if applicable*)
- 4)  You must make restitution in accordance with 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663 and 3663A or any other statute authorizing a sentence of restitution. (*check if applicable*)
- 5)  You must cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. (*check if applicable*)
- 6)  You must comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (34 U.S.C. § 20901, et seq.) as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state sex offender registration agency in which you reside, work, are a student, or were convicted of a qualifying offense. (*check if applicable*)
- 7)  You must participate in an approved program for domestic violence. (*check if applicable*)

You must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any other conditions on the attached page.

## STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

As part of your supervised release, you must comply with the following standard conditions of supervision. These conditions are imposed because they establish the basic expectations for your behavior while on supervision and identify the minimum tools needed by probation officers to keep informed, report to the court, and bring about improvements in your conduct and condition.

- 1) You must report to the probation office in the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside within 72 hours of RELEASE, unless the probation officer instructs you to report to a different probation office or within a different time frame.
- 2) After initially reporting to the probation office, you will receive instructions from the court or the probation officer about how and when you must report to the probation officer, and you must report to the probation officer as instructed.
- 3) You must not knowingly leave the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside without first getting permission from the court or the probation officer.
- 4) You must follow the instructions of the probation officer related to the conditions of supervision.
- 5) You must answer truthfully the questions asked by your probation officer.
- 6) You must live at a place approved by the probation officer. If you plan to change where you live or anything about your living arrangements (such as the people you live with, for example), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
- 7) You must allow the probation officer to visit you at any time at your home or elsewhere, and you must permit the probation officer to take any items prohibited by these and the special conditions of your supervision that he or she observes in plain view.
- 8) You must work at least part-time (defined as 20 hours per week) at a lawful type of employment unless excused from doing so by the probation officer for schooling, training, community service or other acceptable activities. If you plan to change where you work or anything about your work (such as your position or your job responsibilities), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer at least 10 days in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
- 9) You must not communicate or interact with someone you know is engaged in criminal activity. You must not associate, communicate, or interact with any person you know has been convicted of a felony, unless granted permission to do so by the probation officer.
- 10) If you are arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours.
- 11) You must not act or make any agreement with a law enforcement agency to act as a confidential human source or informant without first getting the permission of the court.
- 12) You must not own, possess, or have access to a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or dangerous weapon (i.e., anything that was designed, or was modified for, the specific purpose of causing bodily injury or death to another person such as nunchakus or tasers).

- If the probation officer determines that you pose a risk to a third party, the probation officer may require you to notify the person about the risk and you must comply with that instruction. The probation officer may contact the person and confirm that you have notified the person about the risk. (*check if applicable*)

### U.S. Probation Office Use Only

A U.S. probation officer has instructed me on the conditions specified by the court and has provided me with a written copy of this judgment containing these conditions. I understand that the court may (1) revoke supervision, (2) extend the term of supervision, and/or (3) modify the conditions of supervision upon a finding of a violation of probation or supervised release.

(Signed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant\_\_\_\_\_  
Date\_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. Probation Officer/Designated Witness\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### **SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION**

1. The defendant shall have no contact with victims, unless otherwise directed by the probation officer.
2. The defendant shall pay any restitution and special assessment that is imposed by this judgment and that remains unpaid at the commencement of the term of supervised release.
3. The defendant shall not open any new lines of credit and/or incur new debt without the prior permission of the probation officer.
4. The defendant shall provide the probation officer with access to any financial information, including tax returns, and shall authorize the probation officer to conduct credit checks and obtain copies of income tax returns.
5. The defendant shall not have contact with any codefendant in this case, namely Shawan Spragans and Kristoffer Jones.
6. The defendant shall cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer.
7. The defendant shall not own or possess any firearms, ammunition, destructive devices, or other dangerous weapons.
8. The defendant shall submit his person, residence, office, vehicle, electronic devices and their data (including cell phones, computers, and electronic storage media), and any property under defendant's control to a search. Such a search shall be conducted by a United States Probation Officer or any federal, state, or local law enforcement officer at any time, with or without suspicion. Failure to submit to such a search may be grounds for revocation; the defendant shall warn any residents that the premises may be subject to searches.
9. When not employed at least part-time and/or enrolled in an educational or vocational program, the defendant shall perform up to 20 hours of community service per week as directed by the United States Probation Office.
10. The defendant shall participate in a program of testing and treatment for drug abuse, as directed by the probation officer, until such time as the defendant is released from treatment by the probation officer. The defendant is to pay part or all of the cost of this treatment, at an amount not to exceed the cost of treatment, as deemed appropriate by the probation officer. Payments shall never exceed the total cost of urinalysis and counseling. The actual co-payment schedule shall be determined by the probation officer.
11. The defendant shall abstain from the use of all alcoholic beverages.

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## **CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES**

The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments.

<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>Assessment</b> \$ 700.00	<b>JVTA Assessment*</b> \$ N/A	<b>Fine</b> \$ Waived	<b>Restitution</b> \$ 2,304.00
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- The determination of restitution is deferred until An *Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case* (AO 245C) will be entered after such determination.

The defendant must make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment, unless specified otherwise in the priority order or percentage payment column below. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid.

- Restitution amount ordered pursuant to plea agreement \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The defendant must pay interest on restitution and a fine of more than \$2,500, unless the restitution or fine is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of the judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f). All of the payment options on Sheet 6 may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g).

\* Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-22.

\*\* Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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- The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that:
  - the interest requirement is waived for the.
  - the interest requirement is waived for the is modified as follows:

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## SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties is due as follows\*:

- A**  Lump sum payment of \_\_\_\_\_ due immediately, balance due
  - not later than , or
  - in accordance with  C,  D, or  E, and/or  F below); or
- B**  Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with  C,  D, or  F below); or
- C**  Payment in equal (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \_ over a period of (e.g., months or years), to commence (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after the date of this judgment;
- D**  Payment in equal (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \_ over a period of (e.g., months or years), to commence (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or
- E**  Payment during the term of supervised release will commence within (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment. The court will set the payment plan based on an assessment of the defendant's ability to pay at that time; or
- F**  Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:  
**When incarcerated, payment of criminal monetary penalties, \$700.00 Special Assessment and \$2,304.00 restitution, are due during imprisonment at the rate of not less than \$25 per quarter and payment shall be through the Bureau of Prisons Inmate Financial Responsibility Program. Criminal monetary payments shall be made to the Clerk of U.S. District Court, 450 Golden Gate Ave., Box 36060, San Francisco, CA 94102.**

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of the court.

The defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

Joint and Several

Case Number Defendant and Co-Defendant Names <u>(including defendant number)</u>	Total Amount	Joint and Several Amount	Corresponding Payee, if appropriate
Shawan Spragans: 0971 4:16CR00292-1 YGR	\$2,014.00	\$2,014.00	
Archie Williams: 0971 4:17CR00077-001 Shawan Spragans: 0971 4:16CR00292-1 YGR; YGR; Kristoffer Jones, 0971 4:16CR00292-3 YGR;	\$290.00	\$290.00	

\* Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) fine principal, (5) fine interest, (6) community restitution, (7) penalties, and (8) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.

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- The defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.
- The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):
- The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States: A .38 caliber RG Industries Model RG31 revolver bearing serial number 027318; a .357 caliber Taurus revolver bearing serial number TF818373; and any ammunition involved in this offense.
- The Court gives notice that this case involves other defendants who may be held jointly and severally liable for payment of all or part of the restitution ordered herein and may order such payment in the future, **but such future orders do not affect the defendant's responsibility for the full amount of the restitution ordered.**